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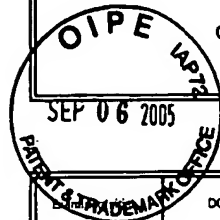
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3,779,241	18 Dec 73	Vennard et al.			
3,800,788	2 Apr 74	White			
3,850,176	26 Nov 74	Gottschalk			
3,875,595	8 Apr 75	Froning			
3,889,665	17 Jun 75	Ling et al.			
3,997,138	14 Dec 76	Crock et al.			
4,018,230	19 Apr 77	Ochiai et al.			
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4,313,434	2 Feb 82	Segal			
4,367,816	11 Jan 83	Wilkes			
4,369,772	25 Jan 83	Miller			
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	4,896,662	30 Jan 90	Noble			
	4,909,252	20 Mar 90	Goldberger			
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	5,015,255	14 May 91	Kuslich			
	5,049,132	17 Sep 91	Shaffer et al.			
	5,053,035	1 Oct 91	McLaren			
	5,062,845	5 Nov 91	Kuslich et al.			
	5,071,435	10 Dec 91	Fuchs et al.			
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	5,127,912	7 Jul 92	Ray et al.			
	5,137,512	11 Aug 92	Burns et al.			
	5,147,366	15 Sep 92	Arroyo et al.			
	5,163,949	17 Nov 92	Bonutti			
	5,163,989	17 Nov 92	Campbell et al.			
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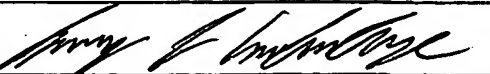
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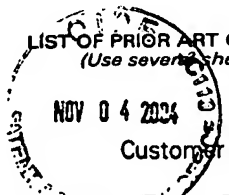
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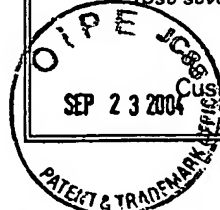
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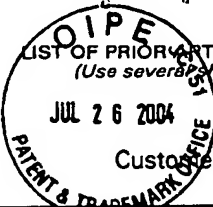
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	5,116,305	5/1992	Milder et al.			
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